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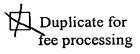
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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))

(Continuation, Divisional or Continuation-in-part application)

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		Paul L. Hickman							
	For:	or: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCESSING A WIDE AREA NETWORK							
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